

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ILLITERACY AMONG YOUTH

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study recently regarding the rate of illiteracy among the Indian youth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has recognised/accepted the suggestions of the 4th National Curriculum Framework;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e) : National Curriculum Framework-2005 was brought out by NCERT through a wide-ranging process of discussions and deliberations. The document was approved by Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) in September, 2005. In accordance with NCF-2005, NCERT has developed new syllabi for all the stages of school education and initiated the process of textbook development in a phase-wise manner. Presently, the textbooks for classes I, II, III, IV, VI, VII, IX, X, XI and XII are available and textbooks for classes V and VIII will be made available from the academic session 2008-09.

Further, considering the prevailing diversity and the federal character of our nation, serious engagement of all States and UTs in translating the NCF ideas into reality is a major concern. In this context, with the financial and academic support of NCERT, States/UTs are engaged in the task of revising their syllabi and textbooks.